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Bilingualism and multilingualism in a globalized society

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Abstract

The peculiarities of modern linguistic situation of the modernized country are discussed in this article; unilateral and bilateral (parity or harmonious) bilingualism are marked; linguistic, psychological, sociological, educational and other aspects of bilingualism are justified. Multilingualism is characterized as the functioning of several (3 or more) languages in a multinational area and speaking several languages based on the needs of communication. There are several forms of multilingualism: a closely related and not closely related. Establishing two or more languages as state ones predetermines multilingualism as a mass phenomenon within certain society. Based on the analysis, authors provide conclusions on building a harmonious, socially effective bilingualism.

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Bilingualism, Ethnicity, Language, Multilingualism, Teaching